1	2	3
19.	Punjab	177268
20.	Rajasthan	1262570
21.	Sikkim	16457
22.	Tamil Nadu	418801
23.	Tripura	21756
24.	Uttar Pradesh	1927997
25.	West Bengal	857087
26.	Andaman & Nicobar Island	1960
27.	Arunachal Pradesh	18482
28.	Chandigarh	3779
29.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	4274
30.	Delhi	41899
31.	Daman and Diu	729
32.	Goa	4138
33.	Lakshadweep	27
34.	Mizoram	26265
35.	Pondicherry	1904
	TOTAL	12666377

** includes marginal workers also.

Vocational training among youth

1752. SHRI SURENDRA LATH:
SHRI SURESH BHARDWAJ:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Vocationally Trained among the youth in labour force is much less against other developing and developed countries;

(b) the percentage of those in labour force as per the current Economic survey; and

(c) the steps Government are taking to impart Vocational Training among the youths in labour force?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) and (b) As per the survey carried out by the National Sample Survey Organisation, in 1999-2000, around 5.06% of the labour force in the age group 20-24 received Vocational Training through formal Training Institutions in India. This is quite less compared to many of the developed as well as developing countries.

(c) Skill Training has been assigned a priority area in the 10th Five Year Plan. Expansion, modernization, upgradation are some of the steps, Government has initiated to increase skill training activities to improve the employability of the youth.

Ban on child labour

1753. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of child labour in the country as on 31st December, 2005;

(b) whether the number of child labour has been increased/ decreased, State-wise during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) the details of action taken by Government against the employers of child labour, State-wise during the last three years, year-wise; and

(d) by when a complete ban on child labour is likely to be accomplished."

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) and (b) The estimation of the number of child labour in the country state-wise, is done on the basis of the census carried out by the Registrar General of India. The Census, by the Registrar General of India is carried out once in every ten years and yearly data regarding existence of child labour state-wise is not maintained. The State-wise data on number of children as per 2001 census are given in the statement. [Refer to the statement appended to the Answer to Unstarred Question No. 1751 (a) and (b)].

(c) The details of the employers against whom action taken by the Government are given in the Statement I and II. (*See* below).

(d) Government is committed to the goal of eradication of child labour in all its forms beginning with children working in hazardous occupations/processes. In this direction, Government is implementing the scheme of National Child Labour Projects (NCLPs) in 250 districts of 21 states in the country.